

REMARKS

The Decision on Appeal dated July 12, 2010, has been received and carefully considered. In this response, claims 1-19 and 21-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added. Cancellation of claims 1-19 and 21-32 without prejudice is respectfully requested. Reconsideration of the pending rejections in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.¹

I. THE EXAMINER INTERVIEW

At the outset, the undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on August 30, 2010, during which agreement was reached on the allowance of claim 20 and the cancellation of claims 1-19 and 21-32 without prejudice in order to forward the present application toward allowance, as reflected herein.

¹ As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicants' silence as to assertions made by the Examiner in the last Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., assertions regarding dependent claims, whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether references are legally combinable for obviousness purposes) is not a concession by Applicants that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicants reserve the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

II. THE ALLOWABILITY OF CLAIM 20

Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Decision on Appeal that claim 20 should be allowed. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-19 and 21-32 without prejudice. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and acknowledgment of same is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

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